

SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

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Vote No. 13

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CLINTON IMPEACHMENT/Curtailment of the Trial

SUBJECT: Impeachment trial of William Jefferson Clinton for perjury and obstruction of justice. Daschle motion to limit further trial proceedings.

ACTION: MOTION REJECTED, 44-56

SYNOPSIS: On December 19, 1998, the House of Representatives impeached (indicted) President Clinton for perjury and obstruction of justice based on his actions and statements in relation to a Federal civil rights sexual harassment lawsuit that was filed against him by a former employee, Paula Corbin Jones. Ms. Jones alleged that in 1991, when she was an Arkansas State employee, then-Arkansas Governor Clinton exposed himself to her in a crude sexual advance which she refused, and that she subsequently and consequently suffered numerous adverse employment actions and was defamed. During the discovery phase of the lawsuit, the presiding judge ordered President Clinton to answer under oath certain questions posed by Ms. Jones' attorneys regarding any history he had of involvement in sexual relationships with State or Federal employees (such lines of questioning in sexual harassment lawsuits are a common means of establishing whether patterns of similar sexual harassment exist, including patterns of reward and punishment based upon the responses of subordinate employees to sexual advances). Those questions, which were posed in January, 1998, included questions regarding his relationship with a former White House intern, Monica Lewinsky (President Clinton had met Ms. Lewinsky and had begun a relationship with her when she was an intern). Later, in August, 1998, Ms. Lewinsky testified before a Federal grand jury, under a grant of immunity, regarding an affidavit she had filed in the *Jones* case. She gave detailed testimony and provided extensive corroborating physical evidence of a sexual relationship with the President. The President also testified before that grand jury in August. His testimony concerned his relationship with Ms. Lewinsky, his testimony before the Federal court in the sexual harassment lawsuit, and actions he took and statements he made before and after testifying in that lawsuit. The House impeachment of the President for obstruction of justice is based on numerous charges that he illegally tried to conceal the nature of his relationship with Ms. Lewinsky from the Federal court and the grand jury, and its impeachment of him for perjury is based on charges of numerous perjurious statements in his grand jury testimony, including

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YEAS (44)		NAYS (56)		NOT VOTING (0)	
Republicans (0 or 0%)	Democrats (44 or 98%)	Republicans (55 or 100%)	Democrats (1 or 2%)	Republicans (0)	Democrats (0)
Akaka	Kennedy	Abraham	Hutchinson		
Baucus	Kerrey	Allard	Hutchison		
Bayh	Kerry	Ashcroft	Inhofe		
Biden	Kohl	Bennett	Jeffords		
Bingaman	Landrieu	Bond	Kyl		
Boxer	Lautenberg	Brownback	Lott		
Breaux	Leahy	Bunning	Lugar		
Bryan	Levin	Burns	Mack		
Byrd	Lieberman	Campbell	McCain		
Cleland	Lincoln	Chafee	McConnell		
Conrad	Mikulski	Cochran	Murkowski		
Daschle	Moynihan	Collins	Nickles		
Dodd	Murray	Coverdell	Roberts		
Dorgan	Reed	Craig	Roth		
Durbin	Reid	Crapo	Santorum		
Edwards	Robb	DeWine	Sessions		
Feinstein	Rockefeller	Domenici	Shelby		
Graham	Sarbanes	Enzi	Smith, Bob		
Harkin	Schumer	Fitzgerald	Smith, Gordon		
Hollings	Torricelli	Frist	Snowe		
Inouye	Wellstone	Gorton	Specter		
Johnson	Wyden	Gramm	Stevens		
		Grams	Thomas		
		Grassley	Thompson		
		Gregg	Thurmond		
		Hagel	Voinovich		
		Hatch	Warner		
		Helms			

EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

- 1—Official Business
- 2—Necessarily Absent
- 3—Illness
- 4—Other

SYMBOLS:

- AY—Announced Yea
- AN—Announced Nay
- PY—Paired Yea
- PN—Paired Nay

charges of perjury regarding his relationship with Ms. Lewinsky and his efforts to obstruct justice in the sexual harassment case against him.

The Daschle motion would require the Senate to proceed immediately to 4 hours of closing arguments, equally divided, after which the Senate would either vote on each of the articles or proceed to final debate on those articles, should it decide to debate them.

NOTE: The Daschle motion was made immediately after the Senate had voted to permit videotaped testimony to be used in the presentation of evidence from the depositions of Monica Lewinsky, Vernon Jordan, and Sidney Blumenthal (see vote No. 12; see also vote Nos. 5 and 8).

No argument or debate occurred on the Daschle motion.